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amended
1. All non-elected claims have been ~~amended~~ per Paper No. 10 of 9-28-98. Claims 2-4, 13-15, 17-19 and 21-23 appear to be in condition for allowance. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED from the date of this letter. An initial Interference memorandum will be prepared soon and forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interference for a determination of such.
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